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COUNTRY	Soviet Zone of Germany	REPORT NO. [REDACTED]
TOPIC	Brandenburg-Briest Airfield	
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1. About 25 jet fighters with swept-back wings were at Brandenburg-Briest (N 53/E 13) airfield on 18 July 1950. (1) Ten jet planes took off in groups of two at 10:40 a.m. and flew eastward. The first group of two landed again at 11:20 a.m.; the last group landed 10 minutes later. Two jet planes were seen landing at 2 p.m. A twin-engine transport or courier plane took off on its scheduled flight at 2:50 p.m.

25X1C 2. Motor vehicles proceeding to the field included passenger car [REDACTED] 25X1C and trucks [REDACTED]

25X1X 3. Radar sets were not seen. The stationary radio station was still there.

4. An innkeeper who catered to officers from the airfield stated that the airfield commandant, not CO of the air unit, is an air force engineer. The airfield personnel numbers 500 men; quarters for an additional thousand men are to be constructed. According to the airfield commandant, the troops at the field are on an alert status. (3) Single-seat jet fighters fitted with one turbine, and capable of speeds up to 1,000 km/h, are stationed at the field. A few days prior, at 5 a.m., the commandant had left for Moscow in such a plane, returning at 7 p.m. the same day. Some blue-gray, two-seater jet planes with standard wing configuration, which are used as trainers, are also stationed at the field. (4) The antiaircraft gun emplacements at the Briest Estate were reinforced recently. Some of the AAA personnel live in tents. They also are alerted. (5)

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25X1A 1. Report confirms that type 14 jet planes are stationed at Brandenburg-Briest airfield. [REDACTED] The field is occupied by a fighter regiment.

25X1C 2. The first two [REDACTED] are assigned to air force units in Brandenburg.

(3) Other airfields in the Soviet Zone of Germany have also been reported to have been placed on an alert. Wittstock is an example. [REDACTED] 25X1A

25X1A 4. Type 16 planes. They were last seen at the field in February or March 1950. See [REDACTED]

(5) Reported for the first time.

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